

**MONTANA SENATE
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ON SB 79**

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHUCK SWYSGOOD**, on March 10, 1999 at 4:34 P.M., in Room 108 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chuck Swysgood, Chairman (R)
Sen. Daryl Toews (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Rep. Royal Johnson, Chairman (R)
Rep. Emily Swanson (D)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shannon Gleason, Committee Secretary
Greg Petesch, Legislative Service Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Free Conference Committee on
SB 79

Executive Action:

CHAIRMAN SWYSGOOD explained the reason this bill and the amendments are before the Free Conference Committee is due to CI-75. **CHAIRMAN SWYSGOOD** advised there were a number of bills that went through the system, including a bill by **SEN. MCCARTHY** and **SB 80** to counter CI-75. When **SB 79** was drafted it contained all the contingencies that were applicable under CI-75, however now that CI-75 has been ruled unconstitutional, these contingencies must be removed and the tax imposed as was previously allowed. **CHAIRMAN SWYSGOOD** advised **SEN. MCCARTHY's** bill would be killed and **SB 80** becomes null and void.

REP. JOHNSON asked if the six mill levy was for a ten year period. **SEN. MCCARTHY** advised it was and the effective date was upon passage and approval. **SEN. MCCARTHY** noted the mill levy is retro active to 1/1/1999.

Motion/Vote: **REP. JOHNSON** moved **AMENDMENTS TO SB 79**, Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. MCCARTHY** moved **SB 79 Do Pass as Amended**, Motion carried unanimously.

SEN. MCCARTHY was appointed to carry House amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:37 P.M.

SEN. CHUCK SWYSGOOD, Chairman

SHANNON GLEASON, Secretary

CS/SG

EXHIBIT (ags54sb0079aad)